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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper accompanies the request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and addresses the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2006. An extension of time in which to respond is requested and the requisite fee accompanies this response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.